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U.S. Provides \$50,000 in Earthquake Relief Assistance

The United States Government, through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), responded to the Kyrgyz Government's appeal for international assistance by providing \$50,000 in urgently-needed humanitarian assistance to the Kyrgyz people who suffered from the recent earthquake in Nura village of Osh Oblast. These funds will be used to provide building materials for construction of mobile shelters and/or construction in the aftermath of earthquakes in southern Kyrgyzstan. The assistance, which is being provided through NGO contractor Mercy Corps, has been coordinated with the Ministry of Emergency Situations to ensure that it meets the needs of earthquake victims and benefits the maximum number of people in need.

To meet immediate needs, the U.S. Embassy and Manas Air Base previously offered humanitarian assistance to the Ministry of Emergencies of the Kyrgyz Republic.

The Manas Air Base offer of assistance includes 2,200 food ration packets, ten pallets of bottled water, 120 boxes with nearly 1,400 kilograms of adult and children's winter clothing, blankets, and a pallet of military winter equipment including jackets, pants, wet weather coats, sleeping bags, and stocking caps.

The U.S. Department of State, Disaster Package, includes cots, air mattresses, sleeping bags, flashlights, and bedding. The Disaster Package and the Manas Air Base assistance will be administered by Counterpart International's Community and Humanitarian Assistance Program (CHAP), and will be delivered with the Ministry of Emergency transportation as further needs are identified.